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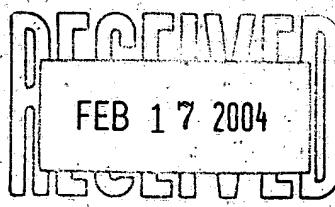
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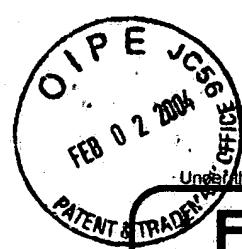
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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| 1001 770          | 2001 385     |               |               | Utility filing fee     |          |
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| 1003 530          | 2003 265     |               |               | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 1004 770          | 2004 385     |               |               | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 1005 160          | 2005 80      |               |               | Provisional filing fee |          |
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## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

| Total Claims       | -20** = | X | = | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 1202 18           | 2202 9       |               |               | Claims in excess of 20                                     |          |
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| 1203 290          | 2203 145     |               |               | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |          |
| 1204 86           | 2204 43      |               |               | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |          |
| 1205 18           | 2205 9       |               |               | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |          |
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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

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| 1051          | 130      | 2051          | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  |          |
| 1052          | 50       | 2052          | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 1053          | 130      | 1053          | 130      | Non-English specification  |          |
| 1812          | 2,520    | 1812          | 2,520    | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination                            |          |
| 1804          | 920*     | 1804          | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 1805          | 1,840*   | 1805          | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 1251          | 110      | 2251          | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
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| 1254          | 1,480    | 2254          | 740      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    | 740      |
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| 1401          | 330      | 2401          | 165      | Notice of Appeal   |          |
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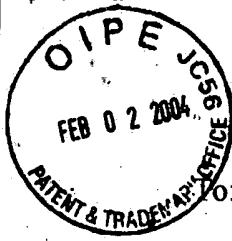
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Response to Office Action mailed 10/02/2003 concerning Elections/Restrictions.

Further to our telephone conversation, I hereby request a four month extension of time for filing this signed response, and enclose my check for \$740. I also enclose a signed copy of preliminary amendments to the claims and letter detailing those amendments.

**Re Paragraph 1.**

For prosecution on the merits, Applicant elects Species 2, an electronic keyboard with alternative option means to be used according to operator preference allowing at least two alternative options for conveniently touch-typing the identical characters.

**Re Paragraph 2.**

The following independent claims are readable on the elected Species 2 invention:

Claims 6, 26, and 43.

Claim 6 claims a keyboard having means for optional alternative methods of use, according to user preference. Claim 26 uses different language to claim one particular such means already covered by claim 6. Claim 43 claims the method of use of the keyboard of claim 6. Applicant therefore believes all three independent claims properly belong together in a single application for Species 2.

**Re Paragraph 3.**

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Related application: PCT/US01/20069

Filed: 22 June 2001

In accordance with our previous telephone conversation, please find attached:

Copy of amendment filed for related international application, comprising:

Letter Detailing Amendments to Claims (1 page)

Amended claims 1 - 46, (11 independent claims) (5 pages)

When printed on A4, the amendment includes sheets 16, 17, 18, 19 and 19/1, replacing original sheets 16, 17, 18 and 19.

The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of these amended claims, with description and drawing as originally filed.

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